

8th March 1921]

*(Agricultural Department.)*

397 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Development—

(a) whether it is the policy of the Government to indianise the Agricultural Department as soon as possible, and, if so, what steps have been taken to achieve that object, and if the Government will avail themselves of the earliest opportunity to appoint an Indian as Director of Agriculture;

(b) what the proportion is of Indians to non-Indians in the Indian Agricultural Service;

(c) how many circles are in charge of Assistant Directors of Agriculture, or in additional charge of Deputy Directors, and for what periods;

(d) who the Assistant Directors are who are now acting as Deputy Directors, and how long they have been so acting; and

(e) whether the Government will consider the question of their confirmation in their present appointments if they are competent to hold them, and have hitherto discharged their duties satisfactorily.

A.—(a) It is the desire of this Government to indianise the Agricultural Department as far as practicable without detriment to efficiency. With this object in view this Government recommended to the Government of India three of their Indian officers to be drafted into the Imperial Service, but the indianisation of the Agricultural Department is a matter to be decided by the Government of India and is largely dependent on the agricultural education obtainable in India and the class of candidate forthcoming.

(b), (c) & (d) The Member is referred to the information given in the Quarterly Civil List corrected up to 1st January, 1921. Subsequent to the publication of the Civil List another officer (M.R.Ry. K. Govinda Kidavu Avargal) has been appointed to act as Deputy Director from 21st November 1920.

(e) The Member is referred to the arrangements published in paragraphs 9 and 12 of Annexure 1 to the Report of the Public Services Commission regarding a Selection Committee. Selected Provincial officers will, it is understood, have to appear from time to time before the Committee in future.

*(Additional taxation to meet new expenditure.)*

398 Q.—Mr. T. RICHMOND : To ask the Hon'ble the Member for Finance—

(a) to state the cost of the different services before and after the recent grant of enhanced salaries to public officials down to and including village servants; and

(b) to state if the Government contemplate any additional taxation in the near future to meet this enhanced expenditure and to introduce and carry on measures for the expansion of education, improvement of sanitation and development of industries involving recurring expenditure.

A.—The following table shows the cost of the Imperial, Provincial, subordinate and village services in 1917-18 and the estimated cost for 1921-22 :—

	1917-18.	1921-22.
Imperial .. .. .	59.05	94.09
Provincial .. .. .	40.02	55.06
Subordinate .. .. .	299.64	394.45
Village .. .. .	70.25	114.49